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#### **TOWN SERVICES**

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Building Inspection  
868-7556

Finance  
868-7624

Fire  
868-7609

Grants  
868-7554

Library  
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Municipal Court  
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Personnel  
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Parks & Recreation  
868-4835

Planning and Zoning  
868-7540

Police  
868-5873

Public Works  
868-7620

Senior Center  
868-7622

Town Hall  
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Town Manager's Office  
868-7558

Utility Building  
868-7680

Arizona Historical Advisory Committee  
1700 W. Washington Street, Suite 200  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

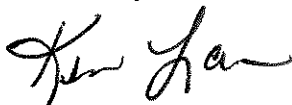
Re: Legacy Grant Application: *Florence Memorial Park Acquisition & Development Project*

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find attached a completed application form and the required narrative for the Legacy Grant Program. This proposal is being submitted on behalf of the Town of Florence and the Florence Preservation Foundation for the above referenced project.

Please let me know if you require any additional information or have specific questions. I can be contacted at (520) 868-7554, weekdays, during normal business hours.

Sincerely,



Ken Lawrence  
Grants Coordinator

Attachments:

C: File

ARIZONA HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

**Application for Arizona Centennial 2012 Legacy Project Designation**

**AHAC Mission:** Develop, encourage and coordinate a statewide plan for Arizona's centennial in 2012 including advising the legislature and state agencies on centennial history and heritage, arts and culture, assisting the governor's countdown to the centennial to support school children learning about Arizona's history and recommending activities and projects that will ensure lasting accomplishments to commemorate the centennial.

**Vision for Centennial Projects:** Commemorations that encourage all Arizonans to reflect on our unique and authentic history, to experience the rich and diverse tapestry of our heritage, and to explore our promising futures, thus ensuring a lasting legacy.

**Legacy Project Criteria:** This is a request for official designation as an Arizona Centennial Legacy Project. To be considered, the project must 1) accurately portray a significant aspect of Arizona history; 2) be accessible to large number of visitors/users; 3) demonstrate collaboration in the planning; 4) produce an enduring product that will live on after 2012; 5) include an educational component; 6) include a plan for implementation.

Attach a maximum of three pages that address the following areas, in the order listed:

1. General description of the project.
2. Describe how this project meets the Legacy Project criteria.
3. Project timeline. Give details regarding planning and implementation.
4. Describe the project location.
5. List project partners, if applicable.
6. Attach a proposed budget, showing total project cost and funding sources.

Name of project: **Florence Memorial Park Acquisition & Development Project**

Contact person: **Ken Lawrence**

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Signature (authorizing official or project director)



Date

The Arizona Historical Advisory Commission will review the Committee's recommendations and make final decisions regarding Legacy Project designations. Submit application to:

Arizona Historical Advisory Committee  
1700 W Washington, Suite 200  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

## **Application for Arizona Centennial 2012 Legacy Project**

### **TOWN OF FLORENCE “MEMORIAL CEMETERY PARK”**

#### **1 – DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT**

The development of a “Memorial” Park will include enhancing existing native landscape with xeriscape, installation of historical interpretive trails, picnic day use areas, historical signage, boundary wrought iron fencing, parking area, cleanup, restoration and improvements to two (2) on-site historical cemeteries (Adamsville and Butte View). Other improvements would include head stone repairs, trash containers, drinking fountains, barbecue grills, armadas, historical markers, and information kiosks. Many members of the pioneer families of Florence are buried in these cemeteries, which have been neglected for many years. The Town of Florence is acquiring title to the properties in order to save them from further vandalism and preserve them for future generations.

#### **2 - LEGACY PROJECT CRITERIA**

##### **2 – 1: Accurately portray a significant aspect of Arizona History:**

The two cemeteries contain the remains of prominent residents dating back to the civil war period. Located in one cemetery are the remains of one of President Harry S. Truman’s uncles. The other cemetery contains the remains of Granville Oury, who was a Confederate Veteran and served as the Arizona Territorial representative to both the Confederate and U. S. Houses of Representatives.

##### **2 – 2: Accessible to a large number of visitors/users:**

Once developed, the “Memorial Cemetery Park” would be a destination attraction to visitors to the Town of Florence as well as local residents. The current population of Florence is 17,053 and massive planned developments are expected to bring the population to over 100,000 residents within 25 years. This park would be but one component of plans for this area of Florence to eventually become one of the major gateways into the town.

##### **2 – 3: Demonstrate collaboration in the planning:**

The Town has historically enjoyed an excellent working relationship with the non-profit Florence Preservation Foundation (FPF) on a variety of historic preservation related projects such as the restoration of the Florence/Silver King Hotel, The Cuen Building, and The White Building. The strategy of the Town of Florence, in partnership with the Historic Preservation Office, a part of Arizona State Parks and the Florence Preservation Foundation, is to develop this community Memorial Park with the cemeteries as the primary focus. Both the FPF and Historic Preservation office have been involved in the initial planning of this project.

##### **2 – 4: Produce an enduring product that will live on after 2012:**

Once developed, the “Memorial Cemetery Park” will be a valuable asset to current and future residents of the Town as well as visitors/guests by providing preserved open space and natural resource recreational opportunities located within the Town

limits. It will provide multiple outdoor recreation uses such as hiking, picnicking, wildlife study, photography, historic preservation activities, and natural resource education.

## **2 – 5: Include an educational component:**

The kiosk in each of the cemeteries would contain the history of the Community of Adamsville as well as the history of the people buried there. All visitors to the “Memorial Cemetery Park” including classrooms of students, would benefit from reading the history of this very important cultural resource. Additionally, lectures on the history of the Community of Adamsville and the history of the people buried there could be provided.

## **2 – 6: Include a plan for implementation:**

As the result of being requested to do so by local as well as statewide residents, the Town Attorney is in the process of obtaining title to the three parcels of property making up the two cemeteries. A grant application has been submitted to obtain partial funding for the project. The Town has been working with two landscape designers/planners for the basic design of the memorial park. Scope of work would include: 1) Site Cleanup, Repairs, & Grading. 2) Site Fencing. 3) Site Furnishings. 4) Parking Improvements. 5) Xeriscaping & Irrigation.

## **3 – PROJECT TIMELINE**

- **Town of Florence to acquire title to all three parcels** - 12/07
- **Design & Engineering** - 5/08
- **Site Cleanup, Repairs, & Grading** - 8/08
- **Site Fencing** - 7/08
- **Trail Improvements** - 12/08
- **Site Furnishings** - 3/09
- **Parking Improvements** - 6/09
- **Xeriscaping & Irrigation** - 9/09

## **4 – DESCRIBE THE PROJECT LOCATION**

The Adamsville Historical Cemeteries are located within the town limits of Florence, AZ approximately 1.5 miles west of Main Street on the Adamsville road.

## **5 – LIST PROJECT PARTNERS, IF APPLICABLE**

The non-profit seven-member Board of the Florence Preservation Foundation, and the State Historic Preservation Office and Officer.

## **6 - BUDGET – TOTAL COST AND SOURCES**

Match & Donations – Value of land	\$344,400
In-kind Labor	18,126
Grant	<u>362,526</u>
Total Project Value	\$724,792